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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Procedures for the Release of NIEs After a USIB
Decision to Do So

1. I have found confusion and uncertainty regarding the subject, in relation to the several versions of NIE 11-14-68. I therefore set down, for future reference, the procedures finally worked out in that case.

2. In all cases the terms of release recorded in the USIB Minutes are governing -- e.g., deletion of any references to unreleased estimates. Note also that DIA's concurrence in USIB is always subject to the subsequent consent of the Secretary of Defense, which must be ascertained before the actual release is made.

3. Code-Word Estimates

a. [] passes the requisite number of copies to the Staff officer concerned for such deletions as are prescribed.

b. These copies are returned to [] who passes them to the USIB Secretariat, which carries on from there.

4. Other Blue-Covered Estimates

a. ONE informs the USIB Secretariat of the deletions to be made in each case. (Normally, this information is contained in the memorandum proposing release.)

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Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

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[redacted] of the number of copies to
be released and the deletions to be made.
CTSC makes the deletions and accomplishes
the release.

5. "Sanitized" Estimates (Buff-Covered "Intelligence
Memoranda").

a. ONE prepares the "Intelligence Memorandum"
and delivers the prescribed number of copies to
the DDI's office [redacted] who carries
on from there.

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b. At the same time ONE distributes infor-
mation copies to the USIB agencies and CIA offices
concerned.

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